

MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD.

ITS IMPORTANCE IN BUILDING SHIPS.

HOW MONEY HAS BEEN WASTED BY NEGIGGAR APPROPRIATIONS—FARRAGUT'S OLD FLAGSHIP NEGLECTED.

VALLEJO, CAL., DEC. 5.—The report of Naval Constructor Wilson, just issued, touches upon the difficulties at Mare Island Navy Yard and suggests several departments that need strengthening. It is scarcely possible that another drydock will ever be built, after the costly experience of building the dock which was completed six years ago, but many of his other suggestions are practical. Such are the addition of tools to the shipbuilding plant and new sheds for toolhouses and engine rooms, as well as bending slabs and angle-plate furnaces. Yet it is to be feared that the usual policy of making appropriations